

# Contact Information

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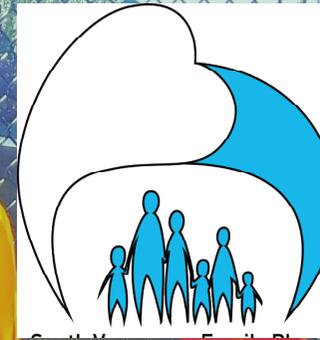
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South Vancouver  
Family Place Society

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Meeting  
October 23rd, 2019

Since 1977

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## Message from the Executive Director

What an incredible year of change and growth at South Vancouver Family Place Society. As I reflect on another successful year, I am filled with gratitude for the dedication of our staff, volunteers, and funders. It is through their ongoing support, dedication and commitment that we continue to provide strength-based services and programs dedicated to supporting families with young children in our community. A sense of community belonging nurtures us all and I am happy that SVFP has been building community connections and wellness for over 43 years now.

2018/2019 saw new funding from the Ministry of Children and Family Development providing one more day of programming in the River District and enhanced programming at the main site including the food and garden program on Wednesdays and the Parent/Infant Drop In.

In 2018, as part of the Provincial Government's Early Care and Learning Recruitment and Retention Strategy, the KidsCare Preschool Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) received the wage enhancement benefit. This is an important step in the recognition of the valuable work of licensed early childhood educators in our community and the important role they play in a child's development.

We continue to see increasing number of families with young children accessing our services and programs with each year that passes. The impact of the services SVFP provides is hard to measure but we know from the words of our participants that we do make a difference.

I, sadly, had to step down from my position as Executive Director in May 2019. I am grateful for all the support and love from the staff, volunteers and families at SVFP and have such fond memories of my 3 years as part of this loving family. However; I am extremely happy that SVFP is now in the hands of Julio Bello who brings a wealth of experience in the sector as well as a loving dad of 2 children.

Kimberley Berger

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Few Words from Julio Bello the New Executive Director:

Thank you, Kim, for your incredible work and dedication to South Vancouver Family Place. In the short time that I have been the Executive Director here at South Vancouver Family Place - I have had the pleasure of working with some highly energetic and devoted staff; participated in very successful programs and have witnessed so many smiling faces from our participants young and old. As we move forward in our quest to bring new programs, and expand services that meet the needs of South Vancouver, we will always be mindful of maintaining the culture that makes this place thrive.

Julio Bello

# Funders

## Major Funders:

City of Vancouver  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
BC Gaming  
Westminster Savings Foundation  
Federal HRDC (summer jobs)

## Other:

CLICK  
DaCoda Literacy  
The Bridge Youth & Family Services  
Vancouver Coastal Health  
Family Services B.C.  
Donations, Fundraising, & Small Grants



*“Thank you to all of our Funders, Partners, and donors for supporting SVFP this past year in all its endeavors.*

*We couldn't have done it without you!”*



## Our Mission

*“South Vancouver Family Place’s mission is to support families with young children in building healthy relationships and community networks by providing services and programs in a welcoming, nurturing, and respectful environment.”*

# Message from the Chair

Firstly, it has been an honour and a privilege to serve the South Vancouver Family Place as a member of the board and as chairperson for the last 6 years. I thank all the members, the stakeholders, community partners, funders, and everyone who shares this space, for their commitment to this organization and the community at large. Thanks to our legion of dedicated volunteers, and of course our incredible staff.

As outgoing chair I wish to share a little about what the family place has done for me personally. Ultimately it is our common experiences that bring us together and I hope that many of you will hear in my own an echo of your own story.

I first came to the family place as a young mother; my daughter was a year and a half and I was struggling. I didn't have a sense of community, my foundation was rocky. I knew that I wanted to be the best mother I could be but I was so very tired, and lost in doubt and fear.

The family place gave me a sense of stability. I grew to love the structure and consistency of its programmes while also revelling in the care and familiarity of its welcoming centre. I took workshops which allowed me to speak about my fears of failure in a non-judgmental environment, and I took classes that allowed me to better understand the inner workings of my little human's mind.

But it was when I was asked to volunteer for the board that I gained so much. That leap of faith in my abilities gave me a confidence and courage it would take me many years to fully appreciate. I was able to give back to the community that had given so freely to me, which fostered in me a sense of purpose and pride. I felt entrusted with this precious responsibility, to help ensure everyone who needs it, everyone who feels as lost as I did, can find the support and safety of this beautiful space.

I will be forever in the debt of the loving, kind, compassionate and caring employees of the South Vancouver Family Place.

The SVFP has gone through some big changes over the last year. Our executive director, Kimberley Berger, resigned for health reasons and I thank her deeply for her service. We are grateful and excited to welcome our new ED and I look forward to getting to know him better and look forward to working with him in the future. I know no matter what changes we go through our core values and mission does not waver, we are here to serve the community around us, by fostering healthy relationships between children and their caregivers.

## Success Story

I just wanted to share what a unique and wonderful place I have found it. Renee, Ingrid and Eva truly care and this shows to all the parents and caregivers who attend.

I have tried the Strong Start program as well and must say that, as the mother of a 2 year old, it cannot compare. Perhaps I'll feel differently when my daughter is older and I want her to prepare for kindergarten but, for now, SVFP has our vote!

I was trying to explain the difference to a friend - that SVFP is more relaxed and friendly. I couldn't really put my finger on it, but then one day I heard Renee describing it and she put into words what I was trying to say: Strong Start has an academic goal, but the SVFP has the goal of "community".

Simple, but what a difference it makes! Their goal of community trickles down to those who attend and can be seen in the way that parents introduce themselves to newcomers and get to know each other.

Now Strong Start is a wonderful and needed program but, when my daughter and I attended, we felt very out of place. I was one of only two people speaking English and none of the other parents/grandparents bothered trying to include us.

At SVFP, however, even when we don't speak the same language, other moms and grandparents will still "communicate" - smiling and nodding as our kids play side by side. And Renee, Ingrid and Eva are always circulating and bringing people into conversation with each other or stopping to ask how we're doing.

So a big thank you to all the SVFP staff (my apologies if I'm forgetting some).

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# Impact Statements

*“Coming to Family Place was a turning point for me.”*



## Success Story

“After just a few weeks of coming we looked forward to seeing the same faces and the developing friendships. Our children were getting many significant benefits from coming, not just because of the variety of toys and activities, but also having the familiarity of the people from week to week, and having routine.”

# Programs

## SVFP and Fraserlands Family Drop-in



**TOTAL INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES:**

**851**

**TOTAL ADULT VISITS:**

**8,455**

**TOTAL CHILDREN VISITS:**

**9907**

**TOTAL VISITS:**

**18,362**

HEALTHY TOGETHER PARENTS (P.I.P) POSITIVELY INSPIRED MOTHER GOOSE CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENT EDUCATION

GREENLIGHT TO EARLY YEARS' LITRACY  
 BUILDING CULTURE THRU FOOD AND NUTRITION  
 Connecting through food  
**Nobody's Perfect**

HOURS OF PARENTING WORKSHOPS OFFERED:	<b>215 hours</b>
NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WORKSHOPS:	<b>8</b>
TOTAL ADULT ATTENDANCES:	<b>1,439</b>
TOTAL CHILDREN ATTENDANCES:	<b>1,689</b>



*“ I felt welcomed as soon as we walked in and were quickly greeted by a staff person. ”*

**Success Story**

SVFP has taught us so much about creating an environment that enriches and grows the hearts, minds and bodies of not just children, but also the parents and caregivers that walk in the door. Seeing and caring for the inner worlds of people seems integrated into the culture and practices here, and I am so grateful that such a place exists where many families get to walk in and be held and nourished.

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# Impact Statements



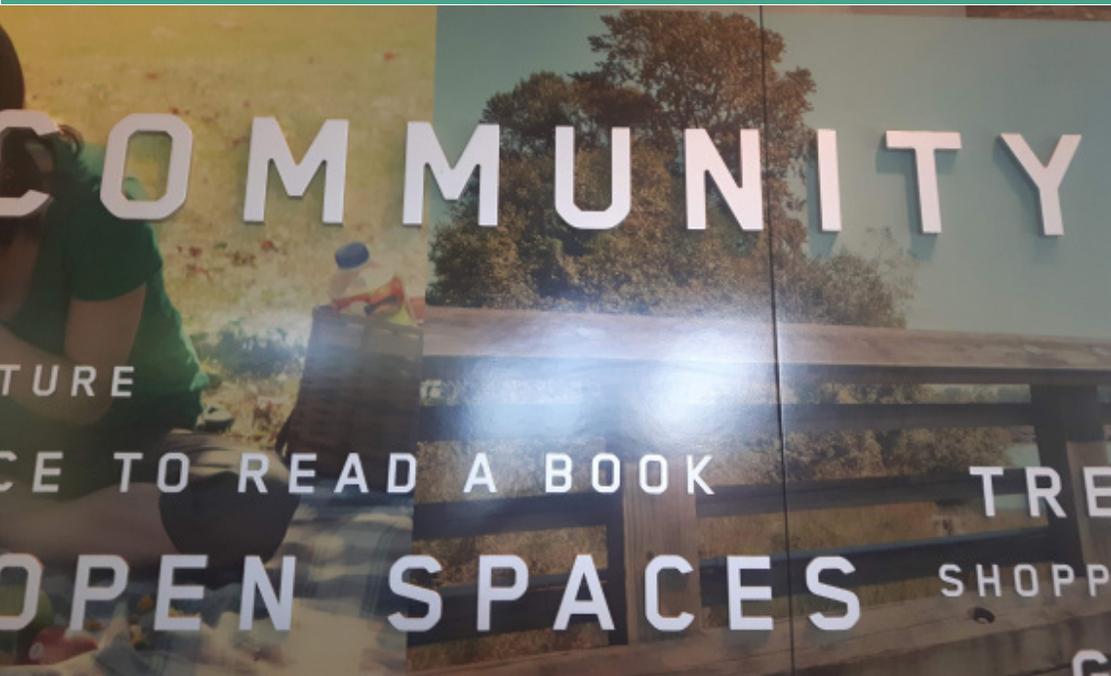
*“I appreciated the freedom to choose from several activities, to chat with people, and enjoy a cup of tea and coffee.”*



## Kids Care Preschool



# Partnerships and Community Outreach



**EFL Properties Ltd/Wesgroup**

**Family Services of Greater  
Vancouver**

**Pacific Immigrant Resource  
Society**

**Growing Eden**

**Vancouver School Board**

**5 Family Places Partnerships**

**Vancouver Public Library**

**South Community Health  
Centre**

**South Vancouver  
Neighbourhood House**

**Recreation Foundation**

**DaCoda Literacy Foundation**

## In-Kind Donations

### TOTAL VALUE:

# \$8,418



Volunteer Contributions Total Value:  
**\$24,755**

Board of Directors Contribution Total Value:  
**\$5,825**



## Board of Directors:

Paula Fitzpatrick  
Andrea Pohlers  
Lal Dhillon  
Angie Blair

Sumatra Quiring  
Wendy Ma  
Lindsay Bogunovic  
Jannie Szeto

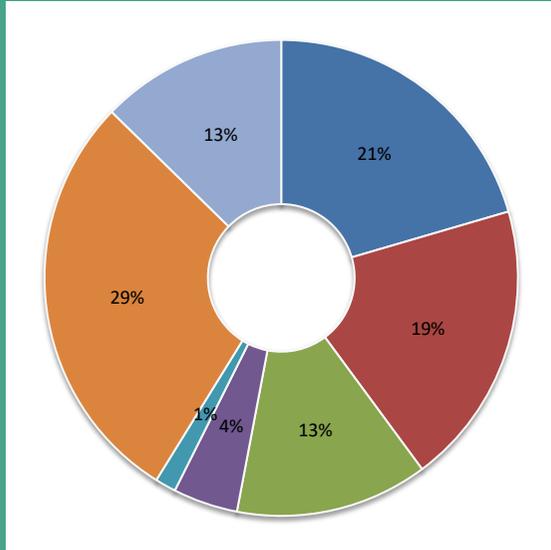


## SVFP Staff Team 2018-2019:

Kimberley A Berger  
Victoria Ragas  
Ingrid Rios  
Carrie Cassidy  
Eva Joung  
Maiya Aliyeva  
Siu, Erika King Yin  
Carmen Ho  
Shafani Riyaz Mohamed  
Ann Asselstine

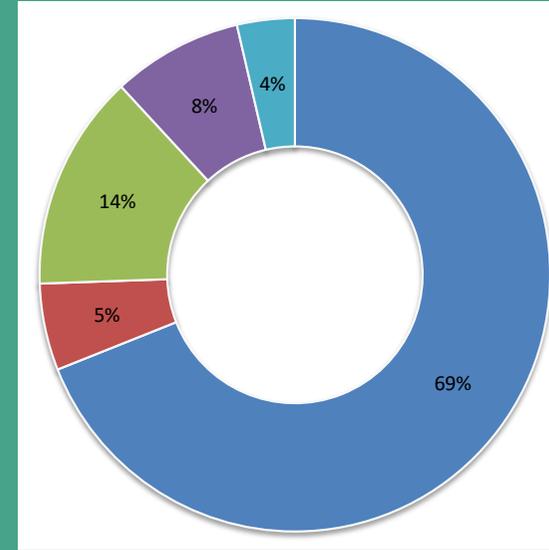
Renee Parker  
Kenia Borges  
Manjit Garcha  
Chi Charchuk  
Fatima Nafis  
Valerie Lai  
Farida Yasmin  
Fazelat Khan  
Lexi Hilderman  
Brittany Balagot

# Finances



**TOTAL REVENUES:**

**\$459,624**



**TOTAL EXPENSES:**

**\$456,526**

<span style="color: #1f4e79;">■</span> Ministry of Families and Child Development/CCOF, Subsidies	\$83,085
<span style="color: #5b9bd5;">■</span> City of Vancouver: CORE, FL & Enhancement Grant	\$87,584
<span style="color: #8c9e40;">■</span> BC Gaming	\$60,690
<span style="color: #54278f;">■</span> Westminster Savings Foundation	\$20,000
<span style="color: #1f77b4;">■</span> HRDC Summer Jobs	\$10,231
<span style="color: #ff7f0e;">■</span> Kids Care Fees	\$143,314
<span style="color: #9467bd;">■</span> Donations, Fundraising, & Small Grants	\$54,720

<span style="color: #1f4e79;">■</span> Wages & Benefits	\$314,021
<span style="color: #d62728;">■</span> Program Supplies & Equipment	\$22,148
<span style="color: #8c9e40;">■</span> Administrative, Office Expenses, & Accounting	\$61,849
<span style="color: #54278f;">■</span> Occupancy Cost: Insurance, Utilities, Maintenance, Janitorial, & Amortization	\$41,243
<span style="color: #1f77b4;">■</span> Other: Volunteer Support & Professional Fees	\$17,265